

PIRO NEPA Coordinator Position

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- Short History
 - ◆ Part of NOAA Fisheries Regulatory Streamlining Initiative
 - ◆ Structure is one coordinator per region and one at HQ
 - ◆ Regional Coordinators report to RA or Deputy RA
 - ◆ PIRO Position since October 2002

NEPA Coordinator Role and Function

- Environmental Policy Coordination
- Technical oversight and quality assurance for NEPA
- Environmental Policy Contact/NEPA liaison
- Constituent Service and Outreach, facilitate teamwork
- Program, Planning, and Monitoring

Environmental Policy Coordination

- Assist RA in promoting environmental policy coordination and ensuring regional actions comply with NEPA and related environmental legislation.
- In coordination with HQ NEPA Coordinator and NOAA NEPA Coordinator and General Counsel, recommend approval of regional NEPA documents.

Technical Oversight and Quality Assurance for NEPA

- Provide oversight, advice, and counsel on NEPA compliance to region, science center, and fishery management council staffs.
- In consultation with General Counsel, ensure that regional procedures and documents comport with applicable standards.
- In coordination with HQ NEPA Coordinator, provide NEPA training.
- Develop and maintain a system for tracking NEPA compliance.

Environmental Policy Contact /NEPA Liaison

- Serve as environmental policy primary point of contact at regional level to NMFS, Fishery Management Council, other Federal, State, and local agencies, applicants, and the public.
- Liaison with other NEPA Coordinators (Regions, HQ, and NOAA).

Constituent Service and Outreach/Program Planning and Monitoring

- Foster teamwork, cooperation and enhanced communication.
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of programs to contribute to NOAA goals.
- Provide support in program planning, monitoring and evaluation.